Construction/reconstruction/strengthening of bridges in Bihar

2074. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for construction/re-construction/ strengthening of railway bridges in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of places where new bridges are to be constructed and bridges identified for reconstruction/strengthening in Bihar alongwith the funds allocated for this purpose during the year 2005-06; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The statistics of repair/ rebuilding/rehabilitation/ strengthening of Railway bridges is maintained Railway-wise, not State-wise. The repair/rebuilding/rehabilitation/strengthening of Railway Bridges is taken up based on their condition as ascertained during annual inspections. The details of sanctioned bridge works on account of repair/ rehabilitation/rebuilding of existing bridges as on 01.04.2005 on Eastern, East Central, North Eastern and North East Frontier Railway, which serves the State of Bihar also, is given as under :

Sl. No.	Railway	No. of Bridges sanctioned as on 01.04.2005	Targeted for completion in 2005-06	Progress upto 31.01.2006	Allotment of funds in 2005-06 (in Rs. Crores)
1.	Eastern	422	128	79	132.18
2.	East Central	223	71	29	94.51
3.	North Eastern	37	24	11	39.98
4.	North East Frontier	322	120	58	10.66
	Total :	**1004**	**343**	**177**	**277.33 Crore**

Railway Projects

2075. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new, ongoing and pending rail lines, gauge conversion, doubling, electrification projects which have been approved by Government, State-wise; and